

23 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Charles E. Allen
NIO for Warning

SUBJECT: Project FIREFIGHTER

1. I met with George Kolt, Director of DI/EURA, on 22 March 1988 to discuss DI/EURA support to Project FIREFIGHTER. I explained to Mr. Kolt that the project, originally requested by SACEUR, had been endorsed by both Directors Casey and Webster. I noted that a FIREFIGHTER analytic conference would occur in June and that I--as the coordinator of the project--would be hosting analysts [redacted] here in Washington. I further noted that DI/SOVA, DI/OIA, and DIA were providing steady analytic support to the project.

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2. I expressed concern to Mr. Kolt that DI/EURA was not providing the requisite support. I observed that no DI/EURA analyst was currently serving as a focal point with the NIO/W on the project. I asked for the name of a EURA focal point and suggested that it would be helpful to identify an analyst trained in economics if this was feasible.

3. Mr. Kolt acknowledged that since [redacted] had left EURA in January 1988 no analyst had focused on the issue. However, EURA had recently hired [redacted] a long-time employee of FBIS, for a position in EURA. [redacted], who is scheduled to arrive in EURA on 11 April 1988, will be the new focal point for FIREFIGHTER. I pointed out to Mr. Kolt that in view of the forthcoming analytic conference in June 1988 it was important that Mr. [redacted] be brought up to speed in an accelerated fashion. Mr. Kolt agreed that this would be necessary.

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4. Comment: I am concerned by the lack of a current focal point for FIREFIGHTER in EURA and question the wisdom of putting a new analyst on a project requiring complex analysis.


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